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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Summary*

1. This **Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment** is responsive to 6 April 2009.
2. In the amendment of 6 April 2009, the applicant amended the claims to include a number of patentably distinct species.

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

- I. Claims 39 and 42, 45 recite conducting a survey by, inter alia, perturbing contents of a bin corresponding to an answer to a survey question and analyzing the contents of the bin.
- II. Claims 48, 50, 51 and 52 recite conducting a survey by, inter alia, adding a perturbation vector to an indicator vector

The species are independent or distinct because claims to the different species recite the mutually exclusive characteristics of such species. In addition, these species are not obvious variants of each other based on the current record.

3. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must

include (i) an election of a invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

### ***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan G. Sterrett whose telephone number is 571-272-6881. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Beth Boswell can be reached on 571-272-6737. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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